

Among other most notable missions in which Dover crews have participated are Operation Nickel Grass, during which Dover's C-5s flew 71 missions, more than 2,000 hours, delivering more than 5,000 tons of cargo. That operation is considered by many to have been the first real test of the C-5 aircraft. Dover crews also successfully dropped and test-fired a Minuteman I ICBM in 1974, and delivered a 40-ton superconducting magnet to Moscow in 1977 as part of a joint energy research program. The mission to Moscow earned the crew the Mackay Trophy for the most meritorious flight of the year. Missions to Zaire and, in the cause of joint verification, another to the Soviet Union also earned Mackay Trophies for Dover captains and crews.

Dover crews helped evacuate Americans from Iran in 1978, and supported the Marine operation in Lebanon in 1983-84. Dover's C-5s flew 27 missions in the invasion on Grenada also in 1983, and assisted with the clean-up after the *Valdez* oil spill in 1989. Eighteen missions were flown by Dover crews in Operation Just Cause in Panama, and in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the Persian Gulf War, Dover's C-5s logged more than 30,000 flying hours. Since then, Dover crews have flown in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia; in Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in Operations Desert Thunder and Desert Fox in 1998; and in Operation Allied Force against the military structure of Slobodan Milosevic.

Among recent humanitarian missions have been the airlift to Central America following Hurricane Mitch; Joint Task Force Shining Hope to aid Kosovar refugees; airlifts to Turkey following the earthquakes of 1999; the 436 AW also responded to the earthquake that same year in Taiwan; and Operation Atlas Response in Mozambique after the devastating flooding there last year.

And, of course, there is Operation Enduring Freedom, our common cause in which our military men and women bear so much of the burden, the risk and the sacrifice. Our prayers and thanks are with them every day, including the 200 men and women from the 512 Air Reserve Wing who have been activated. I would also note that the 436th Airlift Wing received its 13th Air Force Outstanding Unity Award in October.

I share this history with my colleagues and with the Nation today, not only because the 60th anniversary of the Dover Air Force Base represents our proud military tradition so well, but also because the history of the Dover Air Force Base is very much a part of the history of Delaware. We do not merely co-exist with the Base; it is a part of our State family, a part of our community of friends and neighbors. And so we are especially proud, and so very grateful to those who have served.

Congratulations to Colonel Scott Wuesthoff, the current Commander of the 436th Airlift Wing, to Colonel Bruce Davis, who just assumed command of the 512th Airlift Wing, and to all personnel who serve out of Dover, on the 60th anniversary of the Air Force Base, with the respect and thanks of your neighbors in Delaware, and of all your fellow citizens.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IDAHO TEACHER WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

• Mr. CRAIG. Madam President, I rise today to recognize a teacher from Idaho who has achieved national recognition for her work in physical education. Danette Lansing, from Eagle, ID, has been chosen to receive the Disney American Teacher Award, one of only 36 teachers chosen for such an honor. In fact, she was chosen from among that select group as one of the top ten teachers in the Nation, and the top teacher in the "Wellness/Sports" category.

It is a great honor for the people of Idaho that a teacher from our State has won this award. It has always been my belief that the education system in Idaho is one of the finest in the Nation, and having a teacher from Idaho chosen for the Disney American Teacher Award only reinforces this belief. Our State has produced many fine teachers and students over the years, and this award is merely an outward indication of what Idahoans already know.

One look at her career shows why she was chosen for this award. As a physical education teacher, she has done much for the students of Eagle Elementary School to make them more active and increase their physical health. As Bart Roen of Disney said about Miss Lansing's selection: "If I had to pick one thing, it's the creativity . . . the kinds of things she does and how well it ties in with what she teaches the kids." For example, her success in creating a walking club at Eagle Elementary School has not only students walking during lunch, but also teachers and neighbors.

Not surprisingly, this is not the first award Miss Lansing has won. In 1999, she was named Idaho's Physical Education Teacher of the Year. However, these awards pale in comparison to the high praise her students have for her. In fact, one of my own staff members had children who were students of Miss Lansing's, and he reports that she was one of their favorite teachers. It has been obvious to the people of Eagle and the State of Idaho that she is a great teacher, now it will be obvious to the Nation.

As you can see, Danette Lansing is truly a treasure for her school, for Idaho, and indeed for the Nation in

general. Teachers like Miss Lansing make education a rewarding experience for students and parents alike. I am proud that she was chosen for the American Teacher Award. She is a great example for the rest of the State and the Nation, and I hope this award gives her a platform so she can help other teachers to have the same success she has.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1803: An original bill to authorize appropriations under the Arms Export Control Act and the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for security assistance for fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-122).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SARBANES for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2005.

*J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2005.

Kenneth M. Donohue, Sr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first